विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् द्वारा अनुमोदित आठवीं योजना के दस्तावेजों में यथा-निर्दिष्ट विद्युत क्षेत्र के लिए कुल सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र आठवीं योजना परिव्यय 79 589.32 करोड़ रुपए है तथा निजी क्षेत्र में 2810 मेगावाट क्षमता समेत प्रत्याशित क्षमता संवर्धन 30 538 मे.वा. है । तथापि आठवीं योजना के दौरान स्थापित की जाने वाली निजी क्षेत्र की परियोजनाओं से अतिरिक्त क्षमता के लाभ समाविष्ट नहीं है ।

(ग) इस समय देश में निजी क्षेत्र में 35 322.82 करोड़ रुपए की कुल अनुमानित लागत वाली विद्युत परियोजनायें स्थापित किए जाने के लिए 24 प्रस्ताव (14082.50 मेगावाट) केन्द्र सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

3803. (Transferred to the 20th August, 1992)

Under-utilisation of capacity of power plants in Bihar

3804. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Plants in the State of Bihar are producing only 30 per cent of electricity out of their total producing capacity;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have studied the reasons for the lowest capacity utilisation by the power plants in Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to increase the capacity utilisation of power plants in Bihar to a satisfactory level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) During the year 1991-92, the target vis-a-vis actual energy generation of power stations in Bihar are as under:—

Name of the Station	Target (MU)	Actual (MU)	Plant Load Factor %	
			Target	Actual
Thermal				
Patratu	2500	1335	37·0	19·7
Barauni	800	454	29·4	19·6
Muzaffarpur	650	554	33·6	28·8
Total	3950	2343	34·6	21·3
Hydro				
Kosi	6	14		
Subernarekha	218	229		
Total	224	243		
TOTAL	4174	2586		

(c) and (d) The main reason for low generation in thermal stations in Bihar is due to equipment problems resulting in unusually long forced outages and also long time taken for planned maintenance due to managerial problems and financial constraints.

(e) CEA officers have visited various thermal power stations in Bihar, investigation committees were formed and action plans have been drawn up to improve the thermal generation in Bihar. Various other measures being taken to increase the availability of power in Bihar include maximising generation from existing generation stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation, assistance from neighbouring States/Systems etc.

Refund of security by D.E.S.U.

3805. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.E.S.U. has not been refunding the amount of security to the consumers and a number of cases are pending with them during the last two vears-;

(b) if so, how many such cases (Zone-wise) are pending with the D.E.S.U. which have not been cleared so far;

(c) what is the number of cases of non-refund of security amount pending with Paharganj District of D.E.S.U. and what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the reasons for non-reply to consumers by the Assistant Finance Officer, Paharganj District, inspite of repeated reminders which causes harass-ment to them; and

(e) by when such cases are likely to be cleared by D.E.S.U., specially in the Paharganj District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) to (e) Security Deposit is refunded by DESU wherever due after adjusting the energy consumption charges and completion of requisite commercial formalities. Out of 307 cases pending in various offices or DESU for refund of security deposits as on 31st July, 1992, 20 cases pertain to District Paharganj. Delay in settlement of such cases or non-furnishing of replies to the consumers takes place due to non-completion of documents/commercial formalities by the consumers or other adminiS' trative constraints. The cases relating to refund of security deposits are normally settled within 15 days on completion of the prescribed formalities.

Establishment of more power projects in Bihar

3806. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish some more thermal power stations in Bihar in view of availability of Coal in large amounts and in view of acute shortage of electricity in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to make more electricity available in the State of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) and (b) In order *to* meet the growing requirements of electricity in Bihar, the Government proposes to set up a number of power plants in Bihar. The details of the sanctioned/on-